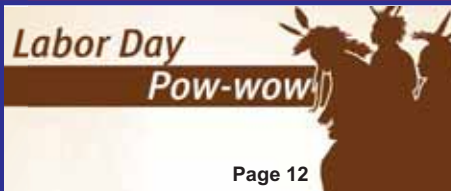




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Ho-Chunk Nation breaks into fair trade markets



Submitted by
Department of Business

Organically grown Da-xu (pronounced Dah-xhu) coffee becomes the first fair trade product for the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business. This new product will open the doors to new markets to diversify their business portfolio.

Officials from the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business were on hand to witness the launch and first purchase of the organic coffee on August 9 at the Whitetail Crossing Convenience store in Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Ho-Chunk Nation President, Wilfrid Cleveland was honored to make the initial purchase of 12 ounce premium ground Da-xu. The name Da-xu is the equivalent English word coffee and is a shortened version of nii-tastak-taxu coming from the Ho-Chunk tribe's native language.

"Da-xu coffee is yet another stride in which the Ho-Chunk Nation has made to offer consumers a quality product that is organically grown and is exported by indigenous people then locally roasted and distrib-

uted," commented Troy Swallow, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business Consultant. "A product in which our community and native family can expand on for future generations."

The vision started in 2002 during Swallow's administration as President when he visited a Mayan village in Mexico and now the vision has come full circle with the full support of President Cleveland's administration in 2010. Adding organic coffee from indigenous growers will diversify the Ho-Chunk Nation's business base and help raise the standard of living of historically below subsistence coffee farmers in Mexico and Peru. The fair trade movement is helping change lives through schools, clinics, job training, and many other basic services.

"I'm proud that the Ho-Chunk Nation is helping other indigenous people by elevating their quality of life by simple distributing fair-trade coffee," remarked Ho-Chunk Nation President, Wilfrid Cleveland.

The beans will be harvested six months out of the year from the Maya Vinic Cooperative in "Chiapas" the most southern state of Mexico located in the northern hemisphere. The other six-months the beans will be purchased from growers in Peru, South America lo-



Troy Swallow, Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business Consultant (left) and Ho-Chunk Nation President Wilfrid Cleveland welcome the launch of a new product line for the Ho-Chunk Nation.

cated in the southern hemisphere, which has the opposite harvesting season from the northern hemisphere. Using two growing areas allows for the freshest of beans to be packaged for the Da-xu product.

Coffee drinkers will appreciate the Da-xu coffee roasted on Monday's, packaged and on store shelves by Friday. Providing the freshest coffee a bean can deliver.

"It's been an honor working with the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Business on this project. They have shown a strong commitment to the highest quality prod-

uct, sourced ethically from organic small-scale indigenous producers in Latin America. We take pride in our artisan approach to roasting coffee and the Da-xu brand is without a doubt amongst the best coffee available anywhere in the world," stated T.J. Semanchin, President of Kickapoo Coffee.

Da-xu Organic Decaffeinated Coffee contains no chemicals. Pure water-processing removes the caffeine from the beans resulting in a clean fresh taste with no after-taste. Signature blend Da-xu delivers a bold lively flavor that is sweet and smooth with no after-taste.

Starting August 23, Da-xu will be offered in hotel rooms at Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells & Ho-Chunk Gaming Black River Falls, Wisconsin. Coffee drinkers can enjoy a cup of Da-xu at the Internet Café at Ho-Chunk Gaming Madison and coming soon the Internet Café at Ho-Chunk Gaming WI Dells.

Da-xu organic coffee is available for purchase in 12 ounce ready ground or whole bean coffee for \$9.50 at Whitetail Crossing con-

venient stores in Black River Falls, Nekoosa, Tomah, Wittenberg, and Baraboo, Wisconsin. It is available in medium roast and decaffeinated. Patrons will be able to purchase a freshly brewed cup of Da-xu coffee at all Whitetail Crossing convenience stores starting this fall. It may also be purchased on line at www.hochunkdistributioncenter.com

For additional information on the Da-xu organic coffee contact Department of Business, Angie Waage, Project Manager at 800-726-7509, ext 1049 or email angie.waage@ho-chunk.com

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President Cleveland is the first to purchase Da-xu coffee from the Whitetail Crossing C-store in Black River Falls.



HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Aho, Wazokina egi hicakoro niwina hinikaragiwi

(Relatives and Friends, I greet you)

The Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution states:

"Article IV, Section 5. Annual Meetings. The People shall meet in General Council at least one time each year, which shall be called by the President, and at other times as provided in Section 6 of the Article. Notice shall be provided by the President for all Annual Meetings of the General Council."

Therefore, I, Wilfrid Cleveland, Ho-Chunk Nation President, pursuant to the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, {Article IV, Section 5. Annual Meetings} do hereby declare and provide notice of the 2010 Annual Meeting of the General Council on the following date and location:

Date: September 18, 2010
Ho-Chunk Casino and Convention Center
Upper and Lower Ballroom
S - 3214 Hwy 12
Baraboo, WI 53913
Registration opens: 9:00a.m.

Quorum will be established with 1035 eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation.

Pinagigi,


 Nasanehiga
 Wilfrid Cleveland
 Ho-Chunk Nation President




HO-CHUNK NATION

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

MEMO

To: Executive Directors
 Casino Executive Managers
 Convenience Store Managers

From: Wilfrid Cleveland, President of Ho-Chunk Nation 

Date: August 20, 2010

Re: Enrolled Tribal Employees of Ho-Chunk Nation Attending General Council

Per the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution, **Article IV, Section 1. Powers of the General Council.** *The People of Ho-Chunk Nation hereby grant all inherent sovereign powers to the General Council. All eligible voters of the Ho-Chunk Nation are entitled to participate in General Council.*

Therefore, as stated above, enrolled Ho-Chunk Nation tribal member employees shall be given the opportunity to participate in the 2010 General Council meeting, by submitting annual leave or leave without pay requests to their immediate supervisor.

It shall be the responsibility of the facility supervisors to properly schedule employees to ensure all of their respective operations will be properly staffed.

Thank you.

Cc: David Greendeer, EAO
 File

Cancellation

The public forum for the
HCN Constitution
 on

August 28th

has been

cancelled

due to unforeseen
 circumstances.

Thank you

Vicki A. Browneagle

District 5 is on Facebook

DISTRICT 5 TRIBAL MEMBERS, check this out! HCN District 5 has its own facebook page. Please "like" our page and check us out. This website is checked on a daily basis. Please state your concerns. We want to know and we want to assist.

In the near future we will be posting surveys/concerns regarding Housing, Health and Employment issues.

Misprint:

In the article titled Tornado in Dells Dam (issue 14), the misconception was stated that all tribal members hit with the storm live on trust land. We apologize for our mistake, but there are a few individuals that do live on taxable fee simple property in that area which is fully taxable land and those individuals have been fighting to get that land transferred back to trust land.

Issue 15,

Youth Worker Correction:

Winter Smith will be entering the 11th grade at the Neilsville High School.

Issue 15,

Working Together article:

Stephan Sinnott's title is Assistant U.S. Attorney, not Records Coordinator with the U.S. Attorney's Office.

CORRECTION

Happy Belated Birthday to
Dan E. Allen

We are sorry your name was omitted
 from the August Elder birthday list.

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2009 Monthly Family Income Limits

Group Size	200% FPL	300% FPL
1	\$1,805.00	\$2,707.50
2	\$2,428.33	\$3,642.50
3	\$3,051.67	\$4,577.50
4	\$3,675.00	\$5,512.50
5	\$4,298.33	\$6,447.50

For each additional person, add

\$623.33	\$935.00
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Words of Peace

by
Martin Yellowbank

Peace in your heart to be free again
and be humble again.
Open up your heart to be free again
remember again.
Open up your heart be loved again
to teach and understand again.
Peace in your heart to be humble again
the love of life is free
dreams are forever-forever is now.

I will not glorify violence, hatred,
anger, greed, selfishness anymore
time to end the fighting, time to stop
the pain.
Let go of your heart, be humble again
they say they're not your brothers
they say they're doing wrong
they say they're not your sisters
they sing a different song
Time to start the journey
to balance we must again

Written in remembrance by
Martin Yellowbank

Sung by James Yellowbank

Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

Diabetes Learning Circle - September 2010

September 2 Taking Care of Your Teeth in Diabetes

September 16 Immunizations- Staying Safe and Healthy

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management.

The program is from 8:30- 9:15 each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom.

A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

**For more information or to register contact:
Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist
715-284-9851 ext. 5335**

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Family Wellness Retreat focuses on Ho-Chunk values

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

On August 11-12 approximately 300 Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members, foster parents and children attended the **Annual Family Wellness Retreat** at Ho-Chunk Convention Center.

Sponsored and hosted by

the Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Child and Family Services and Social Services, the theme of this year's retreat was **Strengthening our Communities for a Healthier Tomorrow**.

Throughout the retreat, speakers and activities focused on the role that Ho-

Chunk values should have in every home. Interactive work groups discussed the traditional roles and responsibilities of Ho-Chunk men and women and an Interactive Family Evening featured traditional games and activities to be enjoyed by the entire family. Keynote speaker Dr.

Delores Bigfoot discussed how trauma impacts children and families in Native communities.

The Welcome and Flag

Songs were provided by the United Clans Singers. Colors were posted by members of the Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129.



Representative Roberta Decorah (left) with keynote speaker Dr. Delores Bigfoot.



Ray Lopez, (left) Colin Carrimon and Donald Greengrass post the colors at the Family Wellness Retreat.



Group discussions focused on the roles and responsibilities of Ho-Chunk men and women in the community.



A reminder to all those attending the retreat, "Family Strength is in Our Hands."

House of Wellness pharmacy expands

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

As part of an effort to encourage Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members and employees to use the Nation's pharmacies, located at the House of Wellness in Baraboo and the Health Clinic in Black River Falls, last year changes were made that eliminated the co-pays due when ordering generic prescription drugs to employees covered under the Nation's prescription benefit insurance program.

At that time, Ho-Chunk Nation Director of Pharmacy, Dr. Ted Hall, explained that a new plan was created as a means of allowing the Nation to keep

a larger percentage of insurance payments made for prescription medications while at the same time providing a savings to pharmacy patrons. Along with making the Nation's pharmacies more competitive, the expected added revenue would allow the pharmacies to better serve tribal members and employees by offering a wider range of medications. Because the co-pays typically covered only a small percentage of a drugs' cost, with the majority of the cost covered by insurance, Hall reasoned the new plan would encourage employees wishing to have zero co-pay use the Nation's pharmacies

and help keep the insurance payment within the Nation.

Nearly one year later, the changes have resulted in an increased business at both locations.

With the increased business came a need for more space and a larger staff. The House of Wellness Pharmacy recently completed an expansion that tripled its space to over 1,100 square feet and announced the hiring of two new registered pharmacists. Because each location needs to keep a separate inventory of drugs for Native and non-Native employees, Hall said the needed expansion will allow the House of Wellness to better serve its existing clients while he seeks out other potential customers.

Pharmacists Meghan Gehrett and Amber Hanna, both recent Doctor of Pharmacy graduates from Pacific University in Portland, OR, started at the House of Wellness in June. Both were at the House of Wellness last year, during an eight-week clinical rotation when Hall served as their clinical instructor and both were eager to return.

"They both turned down multiple job opportunities from around the country to come work for the House of Wellness Pharmacy," Hall said. He added that both con-



Pharmacists Amber Hanna (left) and Meghan Gehrett at the House of Wellness Pharmacy.



Part of the expanded pharmacy at the House of Wellness.

tributed to the design and layout of the new pharmacy, created to offer a better flow and more efficient operation.

Helping Drs. Gehrett and Hanna are Certified Pharmacy Technicians Laurie Dionne and Ashley Reddoor.

The Health Clinic Pharmacy staff includes Pharmacist, Dr. Doug Beaver and Certified Pharmacy Technicians Helen Van Roo, Chad Fankhauser and Dawn Wojtyla. Hall stated another pharmacist will be added shortly.

"We can fill a prescription for anybody," Hall said. He

added that drugs not typically in inventory can be ordered and be made available in one day.

Regular hours at both locations are 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday-Friday. Special arrangements can be made to accommodate employees working shifts. Both locations offer free mailing to surrounding areas. Contact the pharmacies for details and requirements. Any questions or concerns can be addressed to Ted Hall, Ho-Chunk Nation Director of Pharmacy, at (608)-355-1240, Ext. 5521.

Ho-Chunk Hotel announces new tribal rate stipulations

Advance booking now required

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Effective immediately, Ho-Chunk tribal members wishing to get the lower tribal rate offered at Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center will be subject to some new stipulations.

Implemented to protect the Nation, its assets and its members, tribal members will now be required to reserve a room at least 10 days in advance when staying for Ho-Chunk Nation sponsored events, like General Council and seven days in advance for other room stays to receive the full discount. Tribal members who fail book in advance will still receive a discount of 20-25 percent off the standard rate, a greater discount than anything offered the general public. Citing that in the past, some tribal members have abused the policy, new rules allow a tribal member to reserve only one room in advance at the lower rate.

Hotel Executive Manager, Jon Warner stated the new policy was needed to prevent

the continued misuse of and abuse of the lower rates offered to tribal members. Because the hotel is designed to make a profit, Warner and others were concerned that because past practice allowed a member to reserve multiple rooms, when those reservations were canceled at the last minute the hotel had difficulty booking the rooms with so little notice. Warner noted that while the hotel is losing money when offering a tribal rate, more money is lost when the room is left empty. "Because these room rates are much lower than the rates quoted to the public, we can take substantial hits to our revenue line if they are not rented. By requiring deadlines and adjusting the walk-in rates we are playing damage control on the revenue line for the Nation." Cancellations now must be made at minimum of 48 hours in advance.

People whose names are on the reservation will be responsible for any incidentals (phone calls, movies etc.),



Ho-Chunk Hotel & Convention Center in Baraboo, WI.

damages and lost room amenities (remote controls, radios, towels etc.) If a bill is not paid, money will be deducted from the tribal member's per-capita payment.

Ho-Chunk Nation tribal members can only reserve one room at the lower rate and will be required to adhere to the room capacity listed for each room. If a tribal member's family, including children age 17 and under,

exceeds four people/children in a standard room or the bed capacities in a suite, the member must get an additional room(s). These rooms will be offered at the Ho-Chunk tribal rate. To qualify for the tribal rates a member must present a Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal ID and agree to all stay requirements.

Other stipulations include:

- The tribal discount cannot

be used in conjunction with any other promotions.

- The tribal member must be in good standing as a hotel patron.
- The tribal member must adhere to the cancellation policy.
- The tribal member must sign a per-capita distribution waiver.
- Reservations must be made by calling 1-800-746-2486.

New law promotes authentic Indian arts and crafts

Cracks down on fraudulent art

WASHINGTON, DC

Secretary of the Interior Ken Salazar today highlighted the importance of legislation President Obama just signed into law that promotes economic opportunities for Native American artists and craftspeople and protects consumers from fraudulent art and craftwork.

"The Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act is good news because it increases economic development and job opportunities for Native Americans who produce and market authentic Indian art and craftwork while cracking down on counterfeit marketers who are hurting sales of this authentic Indian work," said Secretary Salazar. The total market for American Indian and Alaska Native arts and crafts in the United States is estimated at a billion dollars, with an unknown but substantial amount of those sales going to misrepresented, non-authentic works.

The Secretary joined President Obama and Tribal leaders from across the nation yesterday at a White House signing ceremony for the Indian Arts and Crafts Amendments Act and Tribal Law and Order Act of 2010. The ceremony focused on the role of the law in helping tribal leaders combat violence and increase safety on Indian reservations by providing law enforcement resources.

The new law also strengthens the Indian Arts and Crafts, which makes it illegal to sell or offer or display for sale any art or craft product in a manner that falsely suggests it is Indian-produced, an Indian product, or the product of a particular Indian Tribe.

"The law signed by President Obama yesterday expands our ability to enforce the Indian Arts and Crafts Act by authorizing all federal law enforcement officers to conduct investigations of those who fraudulently market arts and crafts as Indian-made in violation of the Act," the Secretary said.

The Indian Arts and Crafts Board (IACB), a federal agent under the Department of the Interior, administers and enforces the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. Before President Obama signed the new legislation into law yesterday, the Federal Bureau of Investigation was the only federal law enforcement agency with statutory authority alleged Indian Arts and Crafts Act violations. Under the new law, the IACB may refer potential Act violations for investigation to all federal law enforcement officers—including those from Department of Interior bureaus, and can work with federal law enforcement officers who uncover violations of the Act in the course of their regular duties.

In addition, the new legislation strengthens the penalties for violations of the Act by imposing harsher penalties on those involved in more significant sales of arts and crafts misrepresented as Indian-made. For fraudulent works with a total sales transaction amount of \$1,000 or more, a first-time violation by an individual will result in a fine of up to \$250,000, imprisonment of up to five years, or both. A first-time violation by a business will result in a fine up to \$1 million.

For smaller cases with first-time violators, if the total sale amount is less than \$1,000, an individual will face a fine of up to \$25,000, imprisonment of up to a year, or both, and a business will face a fine of up to \$100,000. In the case of a subsequent violation, regardless of the amount for which any item is offered or displayed for sale, or sold, an individual could be fined, imprisoned for up to 15 years, or both; and a business could be fined up to \$5 million.

Established by congress in 1935, the IACB promotes authentic Native American art and craftwork of members of federally recognized Tribes, as well as to implanting the Indian Arts and Crafts Act. For more information, see <http://www.iacb.doi.gov>.

Shop Wisely...Tips for Buying

- When purchasing from a dealer, choose one with a good reputation.
- Request to witness guarantee or written specification of authenticity.
- Get a receipt that includes all the vital information about your purchase including price, maker, and maker's tribal affiliation.
- Familiarize yourself with the different materials and types of American Indian arts and crafts, as well as the indicators of a well-made, handcrafted piece.
- Realize that authentic handmade pieces may be expensive...If a price seems too good to be true, be sure to ask more questions about the item and its maker.

For a free brochure on the Indian Arts and Crafts Act, including how to file a complaint, contact:

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The affect of trauma on Native communities

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Speaking at the **5th Annual Family Wellness Retreat**, held August 11-12 at Ho-Chunk Convention Center, Dr. Delores BigFoot defined what trauma is, how it impacts Native children and their families and what can be done to help people deal with the trauma in their lives.

An enrolled member of the Caddo Nation of Oklahoma, BigFoot serves as Director of the Indian Country Trauma Care Center and is recognized for her efforts to bring traditional Native practices and beliefs into the formal teaching and instruction of Native people and professionals who work with the Native population.

Noting that historically Natives have had more exposure to traumatic events, BigFoot is concerned that trauma and the aftereffect of traumatic events continue to harm Native communities. "We're losing our youth. They're not safe."

Statistics indicate that violent death account for 75 percent of all deaths of Native youth 10-19 years old. Concerned that the violence is an after effect of being exposed to trauma, BigFoot contends that along with the violence, a high exposure to trauma makes Native people more vulnerable to mental health disorders. Natives are at a greater risk to be affected by preventable injuries and deaths than any other group and BigFoot stressed that the Native community needs to become proactive looking out for each other. "We need to know what's going on with our families," she said.

Concerned that throughout Indian Country there is a lack of mental health professionals; BigFoot is especially worried about the lack of trained personnel to deal specifically with trauma related disorders. "There's a lack of consistency to establish methods of care. Too often our youth get treated by the juvenile justice system."

BigFoot defined trauma "as emotional shock wound or shock having lasting effects." Noting that, for example, tragic deaths are more traumatic than natural deaths, BigFoot believes there are five different types of trauma; cultural, historical, intergenerational, prolonged and one that is the result of a single event.

Cultural trauma is defined as an attack on a fragment of society. Critics of Indian mascots and logos believe the alleged discrimination these mascot and logos bring on Native children is a form of cultural trauma. "Kids in particular have a conflict with their cultural identity," she said.

Historical trauma can be defined as a past experience to traumatic events still impacting future generations. For example, BigFoot explained that families whose ancestors were forced to relocate or were victimized by natural disasters, in some cases are still impacted by those events today. "Things in the past impact today," she said.

Certain that the removal and boarding school experiences of Native ancestors continue to have a negative impact on today's generation; BigFoot continued that the intergenerational trauma is the result of being hurt over and over again. "It's what vulnerable native youth face daily," she said.

BigFoot described prolonged trauma as the cumulative effect of being exposed to violence or chronic illness. "People don't do well when grieving," she said. She fears that because tribes who receive gaming revenues "are not always making good choices," many of the social problems that have plagued Indian Country for generations still have not been properly addressed.

"We need to do more to address violence in Native communities," BigFoot warned. "Children are harmed when they see or hear violence in their homes. She noted in 2004, the Coalition for Juvenile Justice reported that although 0.9 percent of America's youth were Native American, they accounted for over 60 percent of the youth offenders incarcerated under federal jurisdiction. "We need to establish core values to reduce the rate of incarceration, substance abuse, violence and suicide in Native communities."

BigFoot noted that because Native families are exposed to the highest rate of abuse, the children are affected and suffer the prolonged effects of trauma. She noted that although Native children make up less than one percent of the total child population in this country, they represent over two percent of all the children in foster care. "People who can't handle trauma in their lives will pass violence down to others," she said. "Kids learn violence. The violence can later create trauma or community chaos."

As a response to being exposed to trauma and violence, BigFoot said that many Native children react by developing a sense of withdrawal, mistrust, social anxiety and delinquency. The increased risk-taking (due in part because they enjoy the thrill), has led to Native youth, ages 15-24, having the highest suicide rate of any group.

To reduce the violence and trauma in Native communities, BigFoot emphasized that communities need to focus more on traditional and cultural teach-



Dr. Delores Bigfoot

ings. She explained that since the passage of the Indian Child Welfare Act, "Indian families have been given more responsibility and more control over the raising of their children." Families need to take advantage of the opportunity to pass down traditional beliefs.

"We have the elements to heal," BigFoot said. Gifts for the Native community to use on their journey to a better community include sweat lodges, drums, songs and ceremonies that help relieve trauma and grief, she said. She added "the most important gift is the gift of each other."

She concluded that every parent/guardian needs to know "that it starts with me." "Because one child at a time transforms the world," BigFoot urges that parents do four simple things daily with their children:

- Greet each child by name each morning.
- Have at least one sit-down meal as a family daily.
- Read to your children every day.
- Let your child hear you pray.

"Because we cannot ask for respect unless we give respect," BigFoot reminded all parents to "talk to your child, not at your child."

Division of Veteran Affairs

Submitted by: Robert Mann, TVSO

Military Humor

Late to Work

Tom was in his early 50's, retired and started a second career. However, he just couldn't seem to get to work on time. Every day, 5, 10, 15 minutes late. But he was a good worker, real sharp, so the Boss was wondering how to deal with it. Finally, one day he called him into the office for a talk.

"Tom, I have to tell you, I like your work ethic, you do a bang-up job, but you're being late so often it is quite bothersome."

"Yes, I know Boss, and I am working on it."

"Well good, you are a team player. That's what I like to hear. It's odd though, you're coming in late. I know you're retired from the Air Force. What did they say if you came in late there?"

"They said, 'Good morning, General.'"

The Veteran Dog

A guy is driving around the backwoods of Tennessee and he sees a sign in front of a broken down shanty-style house: TALKING DOG FOR SALE

He knocks on the door and the owner appears and tells him the dog is in the backyard.

The guy goes into the backyard and sees a real nice looking Labrador retriever sitting there.

"You talk?" he asks. "Yep," the Lab replies.

"What's your name?" he asks.

"They call me Rover, which I think is a stupid name," replies the Lab.

After the guy recovers from the shock of hearing

a dog talk, he says "So, what's your story?"

Rover looks up and says, "Well, I discovered that I could talk when I was pretty young. I wanted to help the government, so I told the CIA I would do whatever my country wanted me to do. They had me sworn into the toughest branch of the armed services ... The United States Marine Corps... You know one of their nicknames is 'The Devil Dogs', so I thought that was fitting place for me.

In no time at all they had me jetting from country to country, sitting in rooms with spies and world leaders; because no one figured a dog would be eavesdropping. I passed on so much information about the enemy; they never did figure out where the leak of information was coming from. I was one of the government's most valuable spies for eight years running.

But this came at a high price. One time I was injured when I was peeing on a tree in order to mark my area to keep other dogs away and I got shot. Another time, I was hit by some shrapnel from a suicide bomber, while trying to push a general out of harm's way.

I was awarded a lot of medals for my service, including my country's highest award for bravery. The government even gave me a special sweater to wear, so I could display all my ribbons and medals. They even thought of making me the Marine Corps mascot, but they decided to stick with the ugly Bulldog. If the mascot was an Indian Dog, they probably would have changed it.

But all this really tired me out and I knew I wasn't getting any younger. So, I decided to settle down. I retired from the Corps (8 dog years, which is 56

human years) and signed up for a job at the airport to do some undercover security, wandering near suspicious characters and listening in, that sort of thing."

I got married, had a mess of puppies, and now I'm just retired. For my retirement the government provided me free veterinary care, dog food, and housing; which consists of getting a new doghouse every year for the rest of my life. Not bad for a backwoods dog from Tennessee."

The guy is amazed. He goes back in and asks the owner what he wants for the dog.

"Ten dollars," the guy says.

"Ten dollars! This dog is amazing! Why on earth are you selling him so cheap?"

"Because he's a BIG LIAR! He never did any of that crap or got any of that crap. He was in the Navy!"



Indian Land Consolidation Project Q&A

Submitted by
Bureau of Indian Affairs

What is an allotment? And why would I have interest in one?

In the late 1800's and early 1900's the Federal Government either through treaties or the General Allotment Act began patenting (giving) parcels of land to Indian heads of households and single individuals over the age of 18.

These lands were called "allotments" and their intention was to introduce the individual Indian to land ownership, as well as giving them a place to live and begin to settle into an agricultural lifestyle. As years went by, most of the individuals who were allotted land never moved onto the land but stayed in the vicinity of the larger Tribal community.

As original allottee's passed away, their children and spouses began to inherit "undivided fractional interests" in the allotment as tenants in common. Inheritance was

dictated by the laws of the State or territory in which these lands were located. This meant, in most cases, that a spouse inheriting a fractional interest in an allotment, would get 1/2 the interest in the allotment. The remaining 1/2 was then divided equally amongst any children. CONFUSING? YES, but here's an example to help:

The divisions of these allotments into fractional interests have continued since their issuance. The more individuals in a family mean greater fractionation. The reason you are an heir to one or more allotments is because, you or someone in your family was a member of an Indian Tribe and was allotted land from the United States.

Fractionation is now a serious problem affecting the productive use of the allotments. Federal Law requires majority consent be obtained to use the property, with hundreds of owners per allotment and growing, legal use of the land becomes increasingly difficult

to obtain. Estate Planning and the creation of wills can reduce future fractionation of an allotment.

The purpose of the Indian Land Consolidation Project is to acquire and consolidate undivided fractional interests in trust land in the name of the Tribe for the benefits of all Tribal members.

To accomplish this goal and to reduce the long term administrative costs to the government and create economic development opportunities for tribes and individuals, the Department of the Interior will purchase fractional interest(s) from willing sellers and absorb all transaction costs associated with the sale.

The project allows individual Indian owners to acquire interests in allotments to which they are an heir, but will not consider non-Indian acquisitions or sales.

If you are interested in selling your undivided interest(s) to the Land Consolidation Project, please provide the

following information:
Name, Maiden Name, Address, City, State, Zip, and Phone.

Send to:

Great Lakes Agency,
Branch of Realty, Indian Land Consolidation Project
916 Lakeshore Drive West
Ashland, WI 54806.

For more information:

715-682-4772 or
800-495-4655

Benefits of Land Consolidation Program:

The sale of your interest(s) will enhance consolidation of fractionated ownership of undivided interests.

Individual interest owner receives tax free Money for unusable interests.

Prevents loss of land/interests from trust to fee simple through sale or probate.

Allows Tribes to consolidate allotments within reservation providing tribal and individual social, economic, and cultural opportunities including member housing, jobs, and infrastructure.

Long term savings to the Federal Government through the reduction in the number of individual records, accounts, and probates, that normally would need to be established, maintained, and/or processed.

Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:

Payment for interests purchased are made by check to the seller and sent to the sellers home by the US Postal Service after the deed has been signed, unless the seller requests payment be made by direct deposit.

A copy of the recorded deed and attachments will be provided to the seller upon completion of the sale.

The project is funded on an annual basis by Congressional appropriation. Congress requires the project to be administered by the BIA even though all purchased interests immediately become the property of the tribe, how long the project purchases interests is dependent on Congress.

The project purchases from willing sellers, how much of the sellers undivided interests are sold back to the tribe is determined by the seller.

The sellers signature on a deed must be witnessed by a notary or by two non related adults with addresses.

The value offered for each interest is based on recent valuations which considered the highest value of the entire tract of land as if title to the property was held in fee simple, single ownership, not as multiple owned trust or restricted title which would be valued at significantly less. The inventory will show the fractional value held, the calculated fractional value and the value of the whole parcel.

The money received from the sale of your fractionated trust interests is considered non taxable by both federal and state authorities. It may however affect your eligibility for certain federal programs such as SSI and you are encouraged to check with the program if this may be a concern.

This program does not purchase non trust interests, however the respective tribe may be interested.

The project IS NOT interested in purchasing interests if life estates or minerals are to be reserved by the seller. Life estate is defined as a right to use and/or receive income derived from the property for the life of the seller.

The sale of your real property interests to the tribe has no effect on your enrollment or eligibility to be enrolled with that tribe.

DEFINITIONS

Undivided Interest:

A share of ownership in a parcel of trust land is referred to as an individual interest. The number of undivided interests grows with the division among heirs of these interests according to state or tribal probate laws. Writing a will for distribution of an owner's interest could help reduce the growth of undivided interest(s). The income derived from the use of a parcel is divided according to the undivided interest(s) held by an individual.

Fair Market Value:

The fair market value is established by procedures approved by the Secretary and conforms with the Uniform Standards of Appraisal Practice.

Fractionated Land:

A trust parcel owned by more than one owner as undivided interests. These single pieces of land often have hundreds of owners, which makes it difficult for any one of the owners to use the land (i.e. farming or building a home). This is because, by law, a majority of owners must agree to a particular use of the land. Fractionated land is a result of land ownership interest being divided again and again as owners of the interest(s) die without a will providing for the distribution of the asset to one heir.

Tenancy in Common:

An Undivided ownership in real estate by two or more persons. The interest need not be equal, and, in the event of the death of one of the owners, no right of survivorship in the other.

Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs

The Ho-Chunk Nation Division of Veteran Affairs and the Madison Vet Center will bring war veteran counseling services to the Ho-Chunk House of Wellness – Wanaiguni Hocira on the first Thursday of every month starting September 2, 2010. A Vet Center counselor will have office hours from 10:00 AM until 3:00 PM, and will provide no cost counseling to war veterans and their family members of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Any veteran with a combat tour or war campaign documented on their DD 214 is eligible for Vet Center services.

The Madison Vet Center serves veterans and their families by providing a continuum of care that adds value for veterans, families, and communities in Western Wisconsin. Veterans experience holistic approaches to helping that includes professional readjustment counseling, community education, outreach to special populations, balancing of services with community agencies, and key access links between the veteran and other services in the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Care is evidenced-based and emphasizes collaborative relationships to ensure a seamless web of services across life domains.

Neil and the Madison Vet Center are grateful to the Ho-Chunk Nation for this opportunity to serve the Nation's warriors and their families.

The Division of Veterans Affairs will also be on hand to support these veterans and will offer benefit information to all veterans. If you have any questions call or email Robert Mann, Veterans Service Officer.



Division of Veteran Affairs

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Black River Falls, WI 54615

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2010 General Council Draft Resolution Summaries

Submitted by General Council Agency

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION PROVIDING GENERAL COUNCIL THE RIGHT TO ATTEND ANY CLOSED LEGISLATIVE MEETING, WHICH HAS BEEN CONVENED AS AN EXECUTIVE SESSION PURSUANT TO THE OPEN MEETINGS ACT.

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the General Council or its designee to attend any Legislative Executive Session. The Legislature has 90 days to comply with resolution if approved or shall be subject to removal based on malfeasance.

AUTHOR - Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr. District 1

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION CREATING A HO-CHUNK SENATE

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve a Ho-Chunk Senate consisting of 13 representatives, 1 representative from each community and 1 Chairperson. Adding section 14 to Article V – Legislature. Legislative powers will be vested in the Senate. Legislation passed by Legislature will need approval of Senate. Any veto legislation will have a compromise hearing within 5 calendar days.

AUTHOR - Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr. District 1

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A BUDGET OF \$6.6 MILLION DOLLARS FOR GENERAL COUNCIL AND GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY, AND TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO HOLD GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING TWICE YEARLY.

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the monetary amount of \$6.6 million in funding and to be directed toward funding a General Council Senate and 2 General Councils a year.

AUTHOR - Lawrence Littlegeorge Jr. District 1

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION PROVIDING GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY THE AUTHORITY TO REMOVE A LEGISLATOR FOR NOT HAVING A FOUR YEAR DEGREE OR BEING A CONVICTED FELON.

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the General Council Agency the right to initiate removal proceedings on legislators who do not have 4 year degrees or are classified as felons.

AUTHOR - Teala Edwards District 2

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION REMOVING THE DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FROM GENERAL COUNCIL TO LEGISLATURE AND REASSUMING ALL LEGISLATIVE POWER AND DUTIES

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the request to repeal legislature in its entirety and for General Council to reassume all Legislative duties. **AUTHOR - Forrest Funmaker District 1**

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO AMEND THE HERITAGE PRESERVATION ACT TO PROTECT THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF THE NATION AND REQUIRE THE CONSENT OF GENERAL COUNCIL BEFORE RELEASING INFORMATION.

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve that any request for culturally sensitive or potentially sensitive information must be approved by General Council. This resolution will only apply to Non Ho-Chunk individuals. Ho-Chunk shall be defined to include study of the Wisconsin Winnebago Nation. **AUTHOR - AnnaRae Funmaker District 1**

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 5/18/2010

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the ordering of Legislature to amend the Employee Relations Act. Adding provisions that all applicants who qualify for Ho-Chunk and/or Native American preference MUST BE given an interview. Applicants with families that are Tribal Members be given higher priority to be hired than those who do not have Tribal Member families to support. Preference points given to tribal members and non-members who are providing actual support for tribal member family and penalties for non-compliance.

AUTHOR - Nyree Kedrowski District 1

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 4/16/2010

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the resolution that will order the Ho-Chunk Nation to enter into negotiations with the state of Wisconsin to add provisions of: exemptions of all tribal membership from individual payments of income taxes, property taxes, drivers license fees, license plate fees, hunting and fishing licenses, all sales and use taxes, and shall not be required to reside on tribal trust land.

AUTHOR - Nyree Kedrowski District 1

HO-CHUNK NATION GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION ADDING A PROVISION TO ARTICLE V, SECTION 14 TO ADDRESS VICE-PRESIDENTIAL SUCCESSION

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve resolution that states that if a simultaneous vacancy occurs with the Vice-President and President that the Vice-President shall be a Legislator with the most seniority and a four-year baccalaureate degree.

AUTHOR Matthew Mullen District 5

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION 8/18/2010

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the removal of tribal member Donnie Troy Schaitel from the membership roll of the Ho-Chunk Nation. **AUTHOR - HCN Enrollment Committee**

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO AMEND THE CONSTITUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND DELEGATE AUTHORITY TO GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY AS AN ADMINISTRATIVE AGENCY FOR THE GENERAL COUNCIL

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve an addition to the constitution under Article IV-General Council authorizing the General Council Agency to act as an administrative agency to carry out the directives of General Council. General Council Agency Bylaws recognized as establishing General Council Agency. Legislature will be required to provide funding to the General Council Agency and vested powers include but not limited to requesting secretarial election, provide comments to BIA on resolutions, establish date and time of elections, serve on the federal election board, decide the order of any proposed secretarial elections, meet with BIA officials, attend any and all meetings as necessary. **AUTHOR - GCA BOARD**

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO ENSURE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION OF GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY BOARD MEMBERS AND AGENCY STAFF TO PROVIDE INFORMATION TO TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the resolution granting General Council Agency's right to publish information in the Worak and to directly communicate to membership through direct mailings and the tribal internet or posted on the internet and not subject to censorship from any other branch of government of the Ho-Chunk Nation **AUTHOR - GCA BOARD**

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO STAY GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS PENDING SECRETARIAL APPROVAL AND PURSUE AN EXPEDITED REVIEW OF A SINGLE RESOLUTION TO REMOVE THE SECRETARIAL ELECTION REQUIREMENT FROM THE HO-CHUNK NATION CONSTITUTION

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve that effective 2010 the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution no longer requires a Special Election authorized by the Secretary of Interior is hereby repealed.

AUTHOR - GCA BOARD

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST TO APPROVE A MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN GENERAL AGENCY, LEGISLATURE, EXECUTIVE BRANCH

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to vote in favor of the policy of the Nation to support General Council and the Legislature and Executive Branch enter into the submitted MOU without revision or amendment, authorizing the Chairperson of the GCA to sign MOU on behalf of General Council. **AUTHOR - GCA BOARD**

GENERAL COUNCIL REQUEST FOR SECRETARIAL ELECTION AND REQUEST THAT LEGISLATION MUST BE REVIEWED FOR COMPLIANCE WITH GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the requirement that Legislature shall enact the General Council Review Resolution requiring a mandatory review of all proposed legislation with 90 day of passage. **AUTHOR - GCA BOARD**

GENERAL COUNCIL RESOLUTION SUBMISSION SCHEDULE AND PROCEDURES RESOLUTION

This resolution is requesting the tribal membership to approve the resolution submission schedule and procedures for annual meeting dates, emergency resolution status and special meeting (time permitting)

AUTHOR - Matthew Mullen District 5

ALL RESOLUTIONS AT THIS TIME ARE IN DRAFT FORM. AUTHORS MAY MAKE REVISIONS UP TO AND THROUGH THE START OF GENERAL COUNCIL. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO STOP BY THE GCA OFFICE IN THE HCN TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING, OFFICE HOURS ARE MONDAY – FRIDAY 8:00 AM – 4:30 PM.

2010 General Council

For Your Information

Thursday - Friday Night Ho-Chunk Nation General Council Agency –

Resolution Assistance Night

6:00 pm to 10:00 pm – Ho-Chunk Casino & Convention Center Ball-

room

GCA Advocates and GCA Attorney will be present

If you are interested in receiving electronic updates from the General Council Agency, please submit your email address to the GCA Agency Staff.

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[The information contained in this report has been reviewed and approved by General Council Attorney John Swimmer, and the General Council Agency]

Introducing Ho-Chunk Nation Youth Workers

Submitted by Waverly Bird, Youth Worker



Kayleen Hall

Kayleen is going to be a freshman this year at the Tomah High School. She is working for the summer youth program for the first time, for the Housing Department in Tomah. Kayleen answers phones, shreds paper, and files—she doesn't do a lot but she says "it's alright." She didn't choose her job but her mother did, Kayleen wanted to do the summer youth program because she wants money and she also wants the experience, Kayleen says working for the Housing Department is just going to be a summer job.



Angel Wauqua

Angel Wauqua is a 14-year-old who is going to be a freshman this coming fall at the High School in Wisconsin Rapids. This is her first time working for the summer youth program. She is working at Goodwill located in WI Rapids. Angel decided to work there because she thought it would be a good environment and it would be fun. She thought it would be a good job for her and that it would be easy to do. At Goodwill she does pricing, stocks the shelves, and separates donated items. She chose to do the summer youth program because it would keep her busy and Angel sees herself working at Goodwill in the future.



Danika Decorah

Danika Decorah is working at the TAU in Wittenberg. It's her first time working for the summer youth program. She thinks it's really nice working with the elders, and listening to their stories. Danika cooks, and serves for the elders; she cleans and delivers to elders that can't get their own food. She chooses to work there because she knows so many elders but she wants to get to know them better. Also Danika needs a summer job and she isn't sure yet if she wants to work at the TAU in the future.

Kaylia WhiteEagle

Kaylia also works in the TAU with Danika. She thinks it's really nice to work with her supervisor and elders. Kaylia cleans the building and helps prepare the food. She chooses to work at the TAU because she worked at the gas station the year before and wanted to change it up. She decided to work for the summer youth program because she wanted a little more money for the summer and she also did it last year. Kaylia thinks working at the TAU is just a summer job for now.



Waverly Bird

Waverly is going to be a sophomore at the Black River Falls High School and it's her second year working for the summer youth program and this year she is working for the Hocak Worak in the Executive Building. Waverly thinks it's fun to work there because you get to learn new things and you get to write articles that get to be in the newspaper and because it's laid back. She writes articles, interviews other people, take photos, and runs errands every now and then. Waverly thought it would be fun to work in the newspaper department and she says it was. She worked in the Labor Department the year before and she came back because she needed a little money for shopping and the summer. Waverly says "even though it's fun to work here (Newsletter) I think it's just going to be a summer job."

More than a game

Life's lessons learned on the golf course

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Throughout the summer, the Thundercloud Golf Academy worked with selected Ho-Chunk youth. In its first year, the academy, founded by Andy and Quentin Thundercloud was formed to teach youth a game they could enjoy the rest of their lives while also teaching them the value of working towards set goals and commitment.

The young participants in the program; Levi Winneshiek-18, Julia White-13, Ashley Rave-17, Olivia Rave-16 and Heather Youngthunder-13 were required to share their feelings, educational goals and future plans as part of the interview process. "I was quite impressed with their thoughts and future plans," Quentin said. Helping out were "team players" Pierson White and Dean Pauliot, Jr.

Following the selection of who would participate, parents signed an agreement to be there for their children's needs. The academy met on Tuesdays and Wednesdays at a Tomah area course. Though none of the players were from Tomah, twice a week a parent got them to the class. "Since the beginning of the program

each parent has been involved with the program and supported their children," Quentin said. "I am very proud of the families that took on the challenge."

To get the funding needed for equipment (each player received custom fitted clubs), green fees and other incidentals, a fund-raising raffle was held prior to the camp. Participants purchased a golf scratch card with a score listed for 18 holes. Players with the six lowest scores were declared the winners and awarded prizes

- 1st Place: Alma Miner-A Star Quilt
- 2nd Place: Tom Dejarlats-Pendleton Blanket
- 3rd Place: Jones Funmaker-Pendleton Blanket
- 4th Place: Al Danforth-Rescue Wood Golf Club
- 5th Place: Charles Brown-Wedge Iron Golf Club
- 6th Place: Scott Beard-Putter

Quentin explained that it was an exciting summer for both the teachers and the participants. "I was most impressed with the dedication of the youth and the steps that the parents took to be a part of the program and support of their children. The youth have continued to improve



The Thundercloud Academy staff and students near the end of the 10-week, 40-hour course. Left to right: Front: Pierson White (left) and Dean Pauliot, Jr. Standing (left to right): Quentin Thundercloud, Olivia Rave, Ashley Rave, Julia White, Levi Winneshiek, Heather Youngthunder and Andy Thundercloud.

and have never given up. They are the true examples of people that have committed to something and are going to finish."

To get the program off the ground required the efforts of a number of people. Quentin and Andy wish to acknowl-

edge everyone who helped. All the students and parents who helped sell the golf scratch cards to offset the expenses of the program. A special thank you to the Oneida Nation, Leroy King, who helped sell the cards. Special recognition to Justine Hill,

who helped design the logo and fundraising flyers, Tara Swallow for her help selling the scratch cards and Jackie Johnson and Dan Radtke for their donations to the program.

HO-CHUNK NATION LEGISLATURE REGULAR MEETING TRIBAL OFFICE BUILDING – BLACK RIVER FALLS, WI AUGUST 3, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 10:08 a.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Daniel Brown (EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (P)
Rep. Robert Decorah (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (EX)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (EX)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (P)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)

Rep. Patrick Redeagle (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum was established.

OPENING PRAYER: President Wilfrid Cleveland offered the opening prayer.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the agenda with the addition of item 6, New Business – Resolution of Clark County Fee parcels. Second by Rep. Two Bears. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES

Legislative Meeting ~ July 20, 2010
MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to approve the July 20, 2010 Legislative Meeting minutes with the change of referring the District 4 Motion to the Legislative Counsel's office. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 5-1 (Rep. Two Bears)-3 (Reps. Pettibone, Smith & Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

SUB COMMITTEE REPORTS
Administration Committee Meeting ~ July 14, 2010
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the July 14, 2010 Administration Committee Meeting minutes with corrections. Second Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 7-1 (Rep. Decorah)-1 (Rep. Smith) **Motion Carried.**
MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears that Legislative Counsel review the overall plan of the Nation, not specific to one department. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 2-7 (Reps. Decorah, Greengrass, Littlejohn,

Greendeer, Pettibone, Blackdeer, & Smith)-0 **Motion Defeated.**

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah to research the comp and class status of the Ho-Chunk Nation Social Workers and find out if they are on the professionals list. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 8-0-1 (Rep. Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Roberta Decorah that the Legislative Counsel in conjunction with the Executive Director of Personnel, Tracy Thundercloud research the comp and class and refer to the next Administration Committee. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-1 (Rep. Robert Two Bears) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Decorah leaves the room at 11:23 a.m.

Development Committee Meeting ~ July 22, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the July 22, 2010 Development Committee Meeting minutes as presented. Second by Rep. Greg Blackdeer. 7-0-1 (Rep. Smith) **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Roberta Decorah was out of the room)

Rep. Decorah returns at 11:28 a.m.

Rep. Smith leaves the room at 11:45 a.m.

Finance Committee ~ July 29, 2010

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to approve the July 29, 2010 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 5-0-3 (Reps. Greengrass, Littlejohn, & Pettibone). **Motion Carried.** (Rep. Hope Smith was out of the room).

Rep. Smith returns at 11:55 a.m.

De Jope Gaming Presentation
PokerTek provides all equipment, training, and expertise to run a successful and profitable poker room. 24 hour tech support, network related consulting, annual maintenance visits, on site spares and automatic replenishment program. Video poker will draw in poker players whom are extremely loyal, play often, and will bring others with them to play. The Slot Technician position has been added to the budget and will help with the tables and be cross-trained with the kiosks and Slot Department (Gaming System) needs. De Jope Gaming budget was approved on April 1, 2010 with an operating income of \$19,688,659 and net income in the amount of \$18,017,559. With the additional poker games, \$546,582 additional revenue is projected at the facility.

MOTION by Rep. Clarence Pettibone to approve the FY 10-11 De Jope Gaming Budget with an operating income of \$20,266,186 and net income in the amount of \$18,564,141, this includes the additional revenue in the amount of \$546,582. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-1 (Rep. Roberta Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

Recess
MOTION by Doug Greengrass to recess for lunch. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0. **Motion Carried.**

The meeting recesses for lunch at 12:07 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President Wilfrid Cleveland at 1:20 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
President Wilfrid Cleveland (P)
Vice President Daniel Brown (EX)
Rep. Greg Blackdeer (P)
Rep. Douglas Greengrass (P)
Rep. Clarence Pettibone (1:25 p.m.)

Rep. Robert Decorah (P)
Rep. James Greendeer (P)
Rep. John Holst (EX)
Rep. Hope Smith (P)
Rep. Lawrence Walker, Jr. (EX)
Rep. Greg Littlejohn (1:45 p.m.)
Rep. Kathy LoneTree-Whiterabbit (EX)

Rep. Patrick Redeagle (P)
Rep. Robert Two Bears (P)
DETERMINATION OF QUORUM:
Quorum was established.

De Jope

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to forward the job descriptions and necessary paperwork for De Jope to the Administration Committee, immediately. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 6-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer). **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Pettibone arrives at 1:25 p.m.

District 1 Marilyn Vasquez Windfall Home Concern

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to table the Marilyn Vasquez Windfall Home Concern. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 7-0-1 (Rep. Blackdeer). **Motion Carried.**

District 5 - Food Reimbursement for area meeting

Tribal members had a picnic and purchased food. They feel they should be reimbursed.
MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to approve the reimbursement for the St. Paul District meeting and to allocate the funds from the September District meeting money. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 3-0-5 (Reps. Smith, Blackdeer, Two Bears, Decorah, & Redeagle). **Mo-**

tion Carried.

District 5 – Elder Request

MOTION by Rep. Patrick Redeagle to approve \$957.00 for Elder, for a bed and sofa bed, the funds are to be allocated from the Elder Assistance line item. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 5-0-3 (Reps. Greengrass, Blackdeer, & Pettibone) **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Littlejohn arrives at 1:45 p.m.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wosga Leave Policy Update

A statement from Traditional Court Member, Wayne Falcon was received.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to refer the definition of Native American Church events back to the Traditional Court. Second by Rep. James Greendeer. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

NEW BUSINESS:

Adoption of Resolution 08-03-10 A ~ Quick Passage Procedure to Amend the Legislative Organization Act

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to table the 2nd submitted version of the Legislative Organization Act quick passage. Second by Rep. Patrick Redeagle. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to adopt Resolution 08-03-10 A Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature Quick Passage procedure to amend the Legislative Organization Act. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Housing Restricted Fund

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to table the Housing Restricted Fund issue. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Administration for Children & Families Work Group Representative

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to nominate Rep. Roberta Decorah to the Administration for Children and Families Region V. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-1 (Rep. Decorah) **Motion Carried.**

District Concerns:

District 1MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer to refer the District 1 Meeting minute motion to have Pre K-12 grant parents to purchase computers through the Nation's IT Department to the Office of the President. Second by Rep. Doug Greengrass. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 2No Requests were submitted.

District 3MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to refer the District 3 Wisconsin Rapids Meeting minute motion to include tribal law enforcement for part of the tax code money to the Legislative Counsel's Office. Second by Rep. Clarence Pettibone. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

District 4 No Requests were submitted.

District 5 No Requests were submitted.

Conference Approval

MOTION by Rep. Hope Smith to approve any Legislator to attend the Native Learning Center Conference on November 2-4, 2010 in Kissimmee, Florida. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 7-1 (Rep. Blackdeer)-1 (Rep. Pettibone) **Motion Carried.**

Adoption of Resolution 08-03-10 B ~ Approval of a Salvage Timber Sale on Clark County Fee parcels: Plum Creek 40 and Myrle Thompson in the Towns of Dewhurst & Levis.

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to adopt Resolution 08-03-10 B ~ Approval of a Salvage Timber Sale on Clark County Fee parcels: Plum Creek 40 and Myrle Thompson in the Towns of Dewhurst & Levis. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Doug Greengrass to go into executive session. Second by Rep. Roberta Decorah. 9-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting goes into executive session at 2:05 p.m.

Rep. Doug Greengrass is excused at 3:40 p.m.

Open Session

MOTION by Rep. Greg Littlejohn to return to open session. Second by Rep. Robert Two Bears. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Rep. Two Bears returns to open session at 3:37 p.m.

Ratification of Executive Session

MOTION by Rep. Robert Two Bears to ratify all action taken in executive session. Second by Rep. Hope Smith. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

Adjournment

MOTION by Rep. Greg Blackdeer adjourn the meeting until August 17, 2010. The meeting is to be held at the Tribal Office Building in Black River Falls, WI. Second by Rep. Greg Littlejohn. 8-0-0 **Motion Carried.**

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by,

Hope B. Smith, Tribal Secretary

Darcy Funmaker

Recording Secretary

2010 Pre Pre-Season NFC North predictions

Submitted by
Jim Lincoln - Facilities Vice
President, Grand Casino
Hinckley

Here is my annual pre, pre-season predictions for the National Football League's NFC North division. "I am a life-long Packer football fan and here in the land of the Vikings I have found this one way to keep the Wisconsin/Minnesota football rivalry fun going." But first a quick look back at my "09" pre pre-season predictions.

Lions- well the "09" pride & joy of Detroit cleaned the slate with new management, head coach and coordinators while tossing away an amazing 60% of the starters from the "08" team, oh maybe that isn't so amazing when you consider the "08" team finished with a record setting "Oh (my) & 16" record. Last year I stated that even Mufasa & Simba wouldn't be able to help this pride of lions, but they would not play another oh so perfect season, as predicted they finished the "09" season as the NFC North cellar dwellers with "O"-nly 2 wins.

Da-Bears- had "mile high" dreams when they traded "S'nort'n" Orton for "King" Cutler, I asked if you could name any of da-bear receivers when that trade took place with no one able to supply an answer I went on to predict that name recognition would begin for da-bear receivers. Well Jay Cutler didn't play up to da-bear's dreams and I still don't know their receivers names but they did settle into the predicted 3rd place finish with two more losses than the previous year's team to finish the season with 7 wins & 9 losses.

Vikings- the clouds of uncertainty were swirling in the crystal football when I was trying to see who would prevail between this team and my personal favorite team that has won more world championships than any other pro team. Remember, at the time of this annual prediction last year, the "king of waffle", was yet to reduce the Viking head coach to his personal escort and valet when he graced his new team with an appearance halfway through the pre-season. I reminded you that fresh partners in any new relationship are exciting but there would be no controlling old number 4 when the tough got going. I also reminded you, Favre's last pass for the Pack was an interception, and Favre's last two passes for the Jets were an interception and an illegal forward pass. Then I stated there would be no Lombardi trophy for the "Helga's and Ragnars" of Minnesota. Reminder, Saints take the NFC crown with a 31-28 win by picking off Favre as he threw across his body and across the field to Sidney Rice. The pass was in-

tercepted by the Saints' Tracy Porter at New Orleans' 22-yard line. I have this logged as his final pass as a Viking, so far. But you Viking fans had a fun "09" with 12 wins & 4 losses.

Packers- I am still wondering who has the hex on this fine group of Wisconsin boys, and the Pack did almost over come all the voodoo, un-called face masks and holding penalties but those drive stopping flags from the paid-off officials were too much to overcome. The Pack played in two high scoring, drama packed games in which the officials stole the show in to end their season, even with that the Pack almost prevailed. We fans took it in stride though and viewed it as a little NFL controlled field leveling so the other teams could compete.

My story in "09" stated the Packer D had a new look and that Dom Capers and Kevin Greene would sculpt our boys into a unit that rekindles the old memories of the black & blue division. That once again the Pack and their nemeses in Minnesota would each go on to represent the NFC North in the conference playoffs. With a bye for one, struggles for each, and that we would have to wait for January to find out who wins. Well we found out that an 11 & 5 season wasn't enough to win the NFC North crown, but the Pack still has more of those than any of the other teams in this division, we also found out that I am fairly accurate at this prediction thing but that was then, this is the now! So on to the 2010 season predictions.

2010 LIONS- This team has been winless in the cellar so long they didn't know what to do after they finally won a game. I watched the game that got the "Skins" coach Jim Zorn fired and have to say once again that I am still surprised there are football fans in Detroit, especially after the "07" & "08" & "09" Lion's combined to set a new league record for the longest losing streak ever for an NFL team. But fans remained there in the stands when the win finally happened, waiting as their "Pride" re-emerged from the locker room to run a victory lap around Ford field and slap palms with the remaining fans. Well for 2010 I see this team continuing to dwell in the cell-(er) for another season but improvement is in the works; look for them to challenge da-bears for that third place spot this season. You can also look for this "Cheddar Head" in the stands of Ford field during the December 12th game against my Packers.

Da-2010 BEARS- "King Cutler" is talking it up in Chitown saying things like "they have the best young receivers in the NFL" and they did steal a damn good running back

away from Minnesota and I do see that Chester Taylor & Matt Forte will create a formidable 1-2 punch from da-bear back field behind the improved offense line. The defensive had some big name additions via free agency and with Urlacher healthy again look for him and Julius Peppers to improve this defensive group. But new offensive coordinator Mike Martz's complex system will just be a little too much for all that young talent to master this season but they will make a decent run at a playoff spot this year. Oh by the way, if you are watching the November 14th Vikings vs. Da-Bears at Soldier field game don't be surprised if you see my "Cheddar" covered head in the sea of Viking and Bear fans. I suspect seeing me will be like spotting Waldo in one of those "Where's Waldo" paintings though.

2010 VIKINGS- We all know the commercial making "Waffle King" is coming back what we don't know is how much play calling number 4 will let "Chilly" do. With any luck for you "Ragnars and Helga's" it will very little, because when Favre was in charge he moved the ball. When "Bald Brad" slowed the game down to a speed he

could understand the Vikings faltered. Case in point, the closing moments of the championship game, Vike's need to score and they have the ball, fans for both teams are at a near frenzy state, "Chilly" thinks, this must be exciting, so he calls time out to have Favre explain what's going on, #4 says, "the games on the line you bonehead, let me take the team in and score!" "Chilly" nods his noggin saying, "yea, yea good idea", Chilly then sends 12 boys back into the huddle thinking with the game on the line Brett will need all the help he can get. Well the rest is history and you want to know the future... The Vikings have the speed, desire and talent to repeat the "09" excitement what they don't have is the luck, and they still have Chilly. Father time has the same fate of aging for all of us and that aging catches up with the only Grand pappy still playing in the NFL. Sorry Viking fans, no Lombardi trophy for Minnesota this year either.

2010 PACKERS- This year's team is hot! Green Bay led the league with 40 take-aways, including an NFL best 30 interceptions, the plus-24 turnover margin also led the league. The number one

ranked defense against the run (no. 2 overall) led by the NFL's defensive player of the year, Charles Woodson, will be returning for year two under Dom Capers coordination. The offense has all 11 primary starters and nearly every significant backup returning with Rodgers in his prime. As I gaze into the crystal football at the team housed at the number one ranked stadium for fan experience in all of professional sports, the crown jewel of the National Football League located at 1265 Lombardi Avenue in Green Bay, Wisconsin my heart starts to flutter, palms get sweaty for all I see are victories, championship trophies and a legion of hall of famers! The 2010 team of packers are destined to make their mark and carry on the tradition bringing home titles this year, first the 2010 NFC North title, then the NFC championship title and what's this? Clouds and fog? What? Not now please let me see... ah... well I guess we wait until February to see if the Pack adds another Lombardi trophy to an already crowded championship display case.

Go Pack Go!

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Labor Day

POW-WOW

Dancer and Drum registration open from 11am Saturday -3pm Sunday

Powwow Grand Entry Saturday= 3:00pm

Powwow Grand Entry Sunday = 3:00pm

Powwow Grand Entry Monday= 1:00pm

Vince Beyl =MC

Lance Long=MC

Head Man Judge= Jerry Cleveland, Jr.

Head Lady Judge= Myrtle Long

Arena Director= Charlie Hindsley & Gerald Cleveland, Sr.

Head Drum Judge= Keith Smith



DANCE CONTEST

Tiny Tots – Day money

6-12 Jr Girls (Fancy, Jingle, Traditional, Ho-chunk Applique)(150,100,75,50,25)

6-12 Jr Boys (Fancy, Grass, traditional)(150,100,75,50,25)

13-17 Teen Girls (Fancy, Jingle, Traditional, Ho-chunk Applique)(300,200,150,100,50)

13-17 Teen Boys (Fancy, Grass, Traditional)(300,200,150,100,50)

18-54 Women (Fancy,Jingle, Traditional, Ho-chunk Applique)(1000,700,400,300,100)

18-54 Men (Fancy, Grass, traditional)(1000,700,400,300,100)

18 and Over (Southern women, southern men, chicken)(1000,700,400,300,100)

55 + Golden Age (women, Men, Ho-chunk Applique)(1000, 700,400,300,100)

DRUM CONTEST

6000, 5000, 4000, 3000, 1000

Drum Split for non placing drums.

Vendor Contact – Lance Blackdeer – 715/299-4777

Powwow Chairperson – Jerry Cleveland Jr. 608/355-9608

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament – Sunday

Registration 9am – 10am

\$20 Registration Fee

Games start at 10am

3 on 3 Basketball Tournament (250, 150, 100)

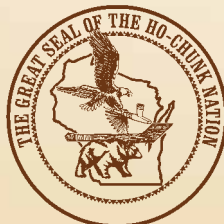
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\$25 registration fee, Double elimination

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Located Northwest of Melrose on County Road D,
5.25 miles West of State Highway 54. Field is south of the road.

-Baraboo ("Parcel 6") ~4 acres

Across US Highway 12 from Ho-Chunk C-Store,
turn West onto "Co-op Lane" turn right into the first driveway.
Drive East around the building and continue
North for about another 300 feet.

-Wyeville ("Shaw Property") ~5 acres

At the intersection of State Highways 21 & 173,
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The following notification is for the Ho-Chunk partners of the Morpheus Investment Partnership

The Partnership announces the following investment returns:

27.4% total return for the year ended June 30, 2010

Note: This return outperformed over 99.6% of all large capitalization mutual funds for the year ended June 30, 2010 (as reported by Morningstar)

12.4% total return for the month of July 2010

Note: The Partnership's return for the year ended July 31, 2010 also outperformed over 99.5% of all large capitalization mutual funds (as reported by Morningstar)

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GENERAL COUNCIL AGENCY NOTICE

General Council Agency Vacancy:
Green Bay, WI

Agents duties are:

- Will meet once a month
- Provide their community with reports from meetings
- Agents will serve until they resign or are removed
- Must be a tribal member and be nominated and elected by majority vote from your community

If you have any questions, please call
715-284-9343 ext. 1075 - Pine Giroux
or ext. 1070 - Alison RedEagle

Home Buyer Seminar

**Monday,
August 30, 2010
10am-2pm pm
Kalahari Resort
Wisconsin Dells**



**Food and Fun!
FREE lunch and snacks provided.**

**Prize Drawing!
Enter for door prizes!**



Ho-Chunk Housing and
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**Begin Your Journey to HomeOwnership,
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This seminar is open to the public.

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Topics Include:

**Assistance Programs
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School District of Black River Falls Vacancy Notice Secretary I – Title VII – Native American Education Grant

Part-time position
ROP: \$10.37/hr
Deadline: September 1, 2010

Interested candidates should send a resume,
proof of high school completion, at least
two letters of recommendation,
and a completed district application to:

School District of Black River Falls
301 North Fourth Street
Black River Falls, WI 54615
Attention: Human Resources

American Legion Auxiliary recognizes Ho-Chunk youth

Brockton Garvin earns "Good Deed Award"



Brockton Garvin and American Legion Post 129 Auxiliary President Henrietta Funmaker.

John Kozlowicz
Staff Writer

For his generous donation at a high school basketball game last winter, 18-year-old Brockton Garvin was recently honored by the American Legion Auxiliary.

The recipient of a Good Deed Award, Brockton was recognized for returning his winnings on a 50/50 raffle back to the organization sponsoring the raffle.

Nominated by American Legion Post 129 Auxiliary President Henrietta Funmaker, Brockton was recognized "as one who is willing to put others before themselves."

A June graduate of Black River Falls High School, Brockton is preparing to enroll at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he plans on studying business. He is the son of Steve Garvin and Samantha Day.

We are happy to announce the birth
of our third daughter,

Anangogaa Ikwe Hunt

(Shimmering Starlight Woman)

on July 2, 2010

weighing 7 lbs. 10 oz., 20 inches long



Parents: Shawnee L. Hunt & Aquila Tapio,
Sisters: Wihinape and Keya Luta Win,
Grandparents: Melvin Hunt, Rosetta Hunt (Stacy),
Chuck and Vangie Tapio
Great-Grandparents: Kenneth Whiterabbit - DeCora
and Frieda Stacy.

September Elders Birthdays



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| 2 Nina Cleveland | 14 Gale White | 24 Mary Natani |
| Stephan Kirkwood | Glen White | 25 Mary E. Dumas |
| Betty LaMere | 15 Roy Garvin, Sr. | Howard Swallow |
| Christine Steeples | Georgianna | Martha Angell |
| 3 Bertha Gleason | Funmaker | 26 Lenora Smith |
| Isabelle Mallory | 16 Clarice Jackson | 28 Martha Riloa |
| 5 Alvena Foss | 17 Lester Green | Ellen Snowball |
| Bert White, Sr. | Marsha Mahoney | Sheryl Winneshiek |
| 6 Janette Smoke | Wayne Falcon | Ward |
| 7 Bernice Blackdeer | Josiah Thunder | Linda McHugh |
| Norbert Dick | 18 Catherine Smoke | Anne Mallory |
| 8 Richard | Anita Britten | 29 Deforrest (Mahlon) |
| Gonzales, Sr. | 19 Geraldine Mach | Funmaker |
| 9 Sonja Walker | Donna Sommers | Henry Swan |
| Twila Garvin | George Stacy | 30 Mary Ann |
| 11 Celestine | 20 Forrest Maisells | Hendericks |
| Contreras | Susan Mallory | Elaine Whiterabbit |
| Betty Gallagher | 22 Willard Lonetree | |
| 12 Adam Hall | Georgia Lonetree | |


Ervin "Ervi" Funmaker
Wi ca ti ga
Memorial
September 18-19, 2010
North 9913 Highway 12
Merrillan, WI

Taking home the bronze

The life saving power of organ donations

John Kozlowski
Staff Writer

Fifty-four year old Steven Link of West Allis, WI, an enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation, was one of more than 1200 athletes who competed in the 2010 National Kidney Foundation Transplant Games, held July 30-August 4 in Madison, WI.

Held to showcase the success of transplants and to demonstrate the life saving power of organ donations, the event, held every two years, allows transplant recipients of any organs (kidney, liver, heart, lung and pancreas) to show their skills in 12 sports.

An avid bowler and golfer, Steven received a liver transplant in 2000 and was competing in his fourth Transplant Games. Competing in both sports, he partnered with 67 year-old Ron Wilson to take third place and earned a Bronze Medal in Doubles Bowling.

The recipient of a liver transplant performed on November 19, 2000 at St. Lukes Medical Center in Milwaukee,

Steven recalled the circumstances that led to his transplant.

A coin collector who used a mercury based chemical to clean his coins, Steven was 20 years-old when told he had traces of mercury, asbestos and nickel in his liver. "They told me I'd eventually need a new liver," he said. "I wasn't really sick and never really thought about it until more than 20 years later when I did start feeling sick."

In the spring of 2000, his condition rapidly deteriorating, Steven was told he needed a transplant. His condition further complicated by the fact that he has diabetes, he was placed on a waiting list that fall. Suffering from severe stomach pains he was hospitalized and after nearly two weeks in the hospital he received his transplant.

"I remember waking up and the Chicago Bears game was on. I told them to turn it off. When they told me my donor was from Illinois, I said leave the game on," he laughed.

"After the transplant, I felt like a new person. I guess I didn't realize how sick I was." Told that his donor was 64 years-old, Steven reminds people, "my liver is 20 years older than I am."

Though after his surgery he was on a high dosage of anti-rejection and other medications, he now leads a pretty normal life. "I'm allowed to eat anything I want if done in moderation."

Married to his wife, Clara, for 30 years, the couple has one son and two grandchildren. Both of his grandchildren were born after his transplant, a reminder of his gift. "Without it, I never would have met them. I feel really blessed."

Although he still needs routine check-ups every six weeks, Steven stays busy volunteering his time to various causes. He also shares his story and the value of organ donations when asked to do so.

Aware that many people have the orange donor sticker on their drivers' li-



Steven and Clara Link celebrate his Bronze Medal winning effort.

cense, he encourages people who are serious about donating to visit www.yesIwillwisconsin.co and become a registered donor. "It takes about five minutes and guarantees that your wish to donate will be fulfilled."

Native American mural on "Walls of Wittenberg"

Tracy Pecore
Newsletter Editor

In a small town with a population of just over one thousand residents, lies a small art park off Highway 29 in the town of Wittenberg, WI. Like many other small towns across the United States, Wittenberg is struggling and "suffers from businesses folding in the downtown area, leaving empty decaying buildings and decreased traffic."

Lois Smith, widow of Darwin Smith, CEO of Kimberly-Clark from 1971-1991, loves Wittenberg and wanted to see it thrive. After visiting Lake Placid, Florida, a similar town with identical problems, she witnessed what adding 30 murals had done there for tourism and businesses and brought the idea back to Wittenberg.

In 2005, a group of interested residents got together and created Walls of Wittenberg, whose mission is "to bring out the beauty and unique character of the Wittenberg area in a way that revitalizes the downtown, honors the history of the area, and attracts visitors."

In 2008, Anthony Gauthier (Ho-Chunk/Menominee) was fascinated by murals painted on the exterior walls of different businesses in the Wittenberg area and inquired about it to the Walls of Wittenberg committee. At that

time, the committee already had their list of muralists chosen for the year but that did not stop him from submitting his contact information.

In 2009, Gauthier was approached by the committee and was asked to submit a portfolio. They were highly impressed with his work and among other muralists; the committee selected one of his five ideas submitted. After several versions prior to a final okay, the committee finally said, "You've done enough drawings; I think you have it now."

Arts and Crafts have always been a big part of Gauthier's life. After serving time in the service and in his early twenties, Gauthier attended the San Francisco Academy of Art from 1966-1967. He eventually found a job working for a marine company and moved back to Wisconsin where he remarried. From 1975-1978, Gauthier decided to go back to school and attended the Santa Fe Institute of American Indian Art. He also spent one year at the Highland University in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Gauthier has participated in several art shows throughout Wisconsin and use to do carvings of horses with Indian riders but found that painting was his specialty. Some of Gauthier's past work has been with the Menominee



Anthony Gauthier and one of his assistants, Steve Kraft. (Not pictured, Roger Soper)

Nation in Keshena, WI involving eight murals completed at the Menominee Indian High School in 1985, and one mural in the waiting room at the Menominee Clinic.

Gauthier says, "This will be my biggest mural coming in at 48 feet by 12 feet," which will be placed on the exterior wall of Esker's Town and Country hardware store in Wittenberg. He began the mural the week of August 16 with assistance from Roger Soper and Steve Kraft. He wanted to start before the snow fell and when it was not so hot out. Working most days of the week from morning to about six or seven at night when it starts to cool down, with a few breaks in between, Gauthier is ahead of schedule with a deadline date scheduled for September 30, 2010.

Presently, there are 15 murals that have been supported by the WOW group which could not have been done without the help through private contributions and local fund-raising. They have been able to prepare all tie-board boards for Gauthier's Native American inspired theme which consist of 18, four feet by eight feet sheets screwed to the wall. Gauthier then

primed the sheets with help from his son, and began laying out his design.

Besides the big mural on the exterior wall, Gauthier also has a smaller version that is placed in a museum across the street, with one inch squares equaling one foot per square in comparison to the big mural. Gauthier is about two-thirds complete and thanks his assistants for helping him stay ahead of schedule.

The first part of the drawing has a man coming out of a bear. The second part will illustrate several native women in dance regalia, and the third part of the drawing has circles with representation of different clan animals. "I also took into consideration Japanese art, and the emphasis on lines," said Gauthier. Rather than blending and shading, Gauthier also focused on solid colors and line drawings for a better feel.

"Today, the WOWSPACE is an elegant site for art shows, concerts and community events. Paid staff and hundreds of hours from community volunteers have achieved these handsome results and have made this possible," say members from Walls of Wittenberg.



Gauthier stands on scaffolding while steadily painting his masterpiece.